

ALL GRADES BILINGUAL AND DUAL LANGUAGE EDUCATION CERTIFICATE Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 12

The All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Certificate is valid for assignment as an All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education teacher in grades PK - 12 in Rhode Island public schools.

Certification Requirements for full Rhode Island Certification¹

To be issued a certificate in All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education an applicant must satisfy all of the following:

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
- Completion of an approved program for the preparation of All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher
- Completion of 45 hours of Practicum
- Demonstration of meeting the Professional Competencies of the Rhode Island Professional Teaching Standards (RIPTS)
- Demonstration of meeting the Content Competencies as prescribed by the Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)
- Other requirements:
 - Hold All Grades Content Area Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
 - Demonstrated proficiency in the second language of instruction as described in the Assessment Requirements.

Assessment Requirements

Go to www.ets.org for test registration, dates and locations

All applicants must meet the following Rhode Island assessment requirements:

- Applicants must achieve a passing score of 146 on the English to Speakers of Other Languages test (0361/5361) AND for French: a passing score of 162 on the French World Language (5174); For German: a passing score of 163 on the German World Language (5183); For Latin: a passing score of 161 on the Latin (0601); For Spanish: a passing score of 168 on the Spanish World Language (5195) OR For all other languages a passing score of "Advanced Low" on the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI).
- Applicants prepared in a program where the language of instruction was not English must achieve a passing score of 164 on the Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English assessments.

Current Routes to Certification

Certification may be attained through the following routes:

- Reciprocity
- Transcript Analysis

¹ Full Certification in Rhode Island means a multi-year certificate that demonstrates the educator has met all Rhode Island requirements for certification in the three-tier certification system (Initial, Professional, or Advanced certification). Full Certification does not include Preliminary Certifications which require educators to meet additional requirements to attain full certifications. Full certifications in Rhode Island are comparable to National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) stage three or higher certificates and are recognized by other states for certificate reciprocity.

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Reciprocity Requirements

Reciprocity is recognition of preparation or certification in another state as comparable to Rhode Island. Applicants seeking certification through reciprocity must demonstrate that they meet all Rhode Island certification assessment requirements, hold the additional required certificate and meet all experience requirements when applicable. Applicants can attain certification by completing a state approved program for Educator Certification in a state other than Rhode Island within the last 5 years OR by demonstrating that they hold a currently valid full certificate in another state.

Transcript Analysis Requirements

Applicants who have not completed an approved program or do not meet reciprocity requirements can be certified by Transcript Analysis until December 31, 2014. Beginning January 1, 2015 a Credential Review process will replace transcript analysis in areas for which there are no Rhode Island approved preparation programs.

- Applicants who have not completed an approved program can be certified by transcript analysis by presenting evidence of the following:
 - Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited institution
 - Not less than 9 semester hours of coursework in the following areas:
 - Methods and Materials in Bilingual Education
 - Social Foundations of Bilingual-Bicultural Education
 - Current issues in Bilingual-Bicultural Education
 - Hold an All Grades Content Area Certificate and met all Rhode Island assessment requirements for this certificate area
 - Demonstrated proficiency in the second language of instruction as described in the Assessment Requirements